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23.	Uttaranchal	STC, Kashipur
24.	West Bengal	Regional Centre, STC, Kolkata.
		STC, Burdwan
		STC, Siliguri
		STC, Lebong
		COX, Kolkata

Number of Sai Centres operational in the North-Eastern States

SI. No	Name of the State (s)	SAI Centre (s)
1.	Assam	STC, Golaghat
		Sub-Cent're/STC, Guwahati
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	SAG, Naharlagun
3.	Manipur	Regional Centre/
		STC, Imphal ,
		SAG,Utlov
		SAG, Imphal
		COX, Imphal
4.	Meghalaya	STC, Shillong
5.	Mizoram	SAG, Aizwal
6.	Nagaland	STC, Dimapur
7.	Tripura	SAG, Agartala
8.	Sikkim	SAG, Namchi

Government Service to sportspersons

3346. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines/criteria in existence for sportspersons for representation at national/international level;

(b) the facilities to which sportspersons who represent at national/ international level are entitled;

(c) the details of the facilities, representation-wise and sports-wise;

(d) whether these sportspersons are also entitled for jobs in Central Government/State Government/PSUs;

(e) if so, the criteria and details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that most of the State Governments are not giving jobs to sportspersons who have representedlndia at the International level; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Government has no guidelines/criteria for sportspersons for representation at national/ international level for this purpose. Selection is done by a Selection Committee constituted by the concerned National Sports Federation. The Government, however, has appointed observers for various sports disciplines under 'Priority' and 'General' categories who are required to oversee the selection process and submit report to the Government.

(b) and (c) Sportspersons of outstanding eminence are provided financial assistance for training abroad under the. schemes relating to Talent Search & Training' and 'National Sports Development Fund'. They are kept in National Coaching Camps. In National Coaching Camps the required facilities are being extended by the Government through Sports Authority of India like nutritious diet and dietary supplements, scientific support, equipment. International standard infrastructure and services of foreign coaches/experts besides competitive exposures abroad and within the country.

(d) and (e) Under the existing orders of the Government of India, issued by Department of Personnel and Training, Ministries/Departments of Government of India can recruit meritorious sportsmen in any year in relaxation of the recruitment procedure to the extent that those, including all other reservations under existing orders, do not exceed 50% of the total number of vacancies proposed to be filled by direct recruitment in any Group C or D post. For the purpose of making appointment of meritorious sportspersons, the appointing authorities may at their discretion notify to the Staff Selection Commission in all cases where the recruitment to the posts have been entrusted to that Commission, vacancies reduced by upto 5% thereof and may fill such vacancies so held back by appointing meritorious sportsmen subject to the overall limitation of 50% mentioned above.

(f) and (g) Sports being a State subject, it is for the individual State Governments to take a policy decision in this regard.